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My dear Mr. Rogge:

The Department has received your letter of March 18, 1949 concerning the recent deportation from the Soviet Union of Miss Anna Louise Strong and requesting that the enclosed letter in her behalf addressed to the Prime Minister of the U.S.S.R. be forwarded to Moscow through diplomatic channels.

I must inform you that the Department perceives no reason why this letter to Mr. Stalin should be forwarded through official channels. Mail communications between the United States and the Soviet Union are open and available and it is the Department's practice not to serve as a forwarding agent for private correspondence in such circumstances. You may, however, prefer to request the Soviet Embassy in Washington to forward this letter to Moscow through its facilities.

The enclosure to your letter is accordingly returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

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John E. Peurifoy
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

To Premier Stalin

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